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## PRESS RELEASE

—For Immediate Release—

Larry Grant of Warren, Maine, has been presented with the Judicial Branch's Roy Rice Award for 2006. During a recent event in Augusta, Mr. Grant received the award from Chief Justice Leigh Saufley in a ceremony attended by all State Judges and several of his Deputy Marshal co-workers. Larry Grant is a Deputy Marshal in the Judicial Branch where he has worked for more than nine years following his career with the State Warden Service. His duties have involved providing security services for all persons in the courthouses in which he works including the judges, staff, and general public.

Mr. Grant has worked in the courthouses in the mid coast region, primarily in Waldo, Sagadahoc and Knox counties. Currently he is responsible for the security control room in the Knox County Courthouse.

In accepting this award, Mr. Grant commented on his pride in being a State Employee for many years and explained how he and his family have benefited from his association with the State. Chief Justice Saufley noted that the State has

benefited from having Larry working in this critically important role. Chief Justice Saufley has consistently identified safety in the courthouses as a top priority and points to the dedication of Deputy Marshals, such as Larry Grant, for providing the degree of safety we currently enjoy.

The Roy Rice Award is presented each year to that person who has made an outstanding contribution to the safety and well-being of the employees of the Judicial Branch, and those persons who participate in court activities. It is named for Roy Rice who was a shining example of the qualities and characteristics of an effective court officer. One of the people who nominated Larry Grant for this award wrote, "Larry represents the qualities that endeared Roy to all of us: professionalism, humor, respect for judges, the public, and the justice system, competence, and common sense." Someone else wrote that, "He has displayed qualities in all court locations to ensure the safety and well-being of judicial officers, court employees, and members of the public. He is a gentleman, a professional, and a deserving individual of this award."